

CLAIMS

The applicant claims:

- 5 1. A device for feeding comprising a handle and a spoon bowl, wherein said bowl comprises a lower concave section and an upper enclosing shield and having openings at the posterior and anterior ends of the bowl.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein the spoon bowl has concave and convex
10 surfaces that encompass the entire front of said bowl, creating a cavity wherein semi-liquid food is loaded through the posterior opening of the spoon bowl and is released through the anterior opening of said bowl during feeding.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the enclosed chamber of the spoon bowl corresponds at its anterior to the shape of a slightly depressed nipple, being ovoid in shape.
- 15 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the anterior opening of the spoon bowl is oval in shape and is smaller than the posterior opening of said bowl.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the posterior opening of the spoon bowl is angled to allow for easier collection of food and is larger than the anterior opening of said bowl.
- 20 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the top portion of the enclosed spoon bowl is asymmetrical to allow for the easy collection of food into the enlarged side of the posterior opening.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the underside shape of the spoon bowl corresponds to a conventional spoon shape except that the anterior of the bowl
25 is more narrow and convex and the tip is a straight edge.
8. The device of claim 1, wherein the handle has a downward angle to keep the spoon bowl level.
9. The device of claim 1, wherein the handle has indentions for gripping the device.
- 30 10. The device of claim 1, wherein all or part of the utensil is comprised of a structure of a rigid or semi-rigid organic composite.

11. The device of claim 1, wherein all or part of the device is comprised of a rigid or semi-rigid nonorganic composite.
12. The device of claim 1, wherein all or part of the device is comprised of a structure formed from stainless steel or another non-toxic metallic material.
- 5 13. The device of claim 1, wherein all or part of the device is made of a structure formed from wood, bone, shell, or another organic or organic by-product material.
14. The device of claim 1, wherein all or part of the device is made of a structure formed from stone, glass, crystal, or another mineral or crystalline material.
- 10 15. The device of claim 1, wherein the spoon bowl and handle are coated entirely or in part with a heat-sensing material.
16. The device of claim 1, wherein the spoon bowl and handle are coated entirely or in part with a heat-resistant material.
17. The process of loading food into the device of claim 1.
- 15 18. The process of feeding an individual with the device of claim 1.